

August 5, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WT Docket No. 03-128

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to inform you that on June 25, 2003, I met with Frank Stilwell of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to discuss certain issues I plan to include in my filing in the above referenced proceeding on behalf of the White Mountain Apache Tribe. I took the opportunity to express our position that tribes should be notified with respect to each undertaking otherwise excluded by Section III of the Proposed Draft Nationwide Programmatic Agreement. More generally, I expressed dismay that so many places of cultural significance to America's First Peoples have already been damaged by telecommunication towers.

In accordance with Section 1.1.206 of the Commission's rules, I am filing this notice and request that you please place it in the record of the proceeding identified above. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John R. Welch
White Mountain Apache Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Frank Stilwell
Jeff Steinberg